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# Policy puts restrictions on rollerblading

by Jeremy Ecenbarger
News Editor

Complaints went to the administration, a ban went into play in an attempt to alter their decision, and a new policy was finally made. Controversy regarding rollerblading on campus has reached students throughout the fall semester.

In November, the University Resource and Policy Committee (URPC) recommended a new rollerblading/skateboarding policy due to the potential of personal injury and damage to university property. The policy was approved by the Executive Cabinet and will go into effect Jan. 1.

At the beginning of the semester, several students and faculty began complaining about accidents taking place involving rollerbladers and skateboarders. Those who posed complaints said they witnessed the skaters disturbing passing students and destroying university property.

As a result of the complaints, the URPC began formulating a new policy.

"We began working with the student government almost immediately after the complaints began," said Lauren DenHartog, Chief of Police.

On Thursday, Sept 26, George Gounaris, Indiana Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA) president, organized a rally to protest an attempted ban by the URPC. Students gathered near Kettler Hall and signed petitions, talked about the issue and mainly gathered to show their support.

George Gounaris

The previous policy allowed students to skate for strictly transportation reasons only, not recreational. However, the new policy has taken more serious steps.

The URPC's new policy is putting a major restriction on skateboarders. It will not allow any skateboarding in any IPFW building or on the grounds at any time.

Rollerblading is being prohibited from all buildings also, including the parking garage. However, it will be allowed, during daylight hours only, in all areas north of the Gates Sports Center. One exception is the mall area at the entrances of the Fine Arts Building and the Williams Theatre.

"It (the rollerblade rally) changed their decision," said Gounaris. "Originally they were going to end it completely."

However, rollerblading will be restricted to certain locations. It will be allowed in the area north of the sidewalk on the south side of the Gate Sports Center. This new policy will allow one loop of the sidewalk and parking lots one, two and three for rollerblading during daylight hours only.

"The new policy is going to give students a more clear-cut policy," said DenHartog. "Before, it was a little vague."

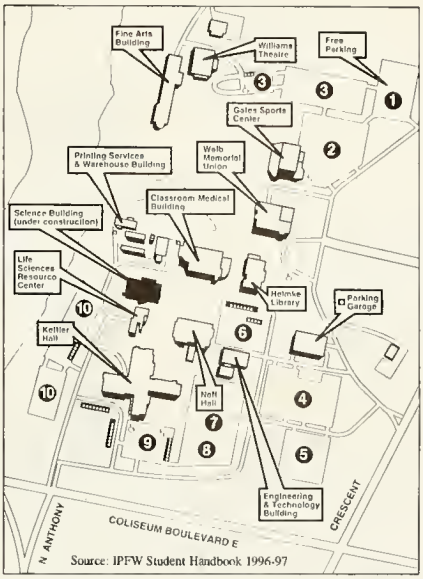
In addition, certain conduct will be restricted. Rollerbladers and skateboarders cannot use excessive speed on the sidewalk, jump steps, benches, tables or engage in other types of acrobatic activities when rollerblading, and may not weave in and out of pedestrians on the sidewalks. Furthermore, there will be no skating in or around special events that may cause injury to others.

If the policy is violated, several penalties may be imposed. These penalties include removal from campus property, disciplinary action by the dean of students, a $20 fine (skateboards may be confiscated until fines are paid) or criminal prosecution if the situation leads up to it.

"I don't see it resolved in the eyes of the student body," said Gounaris.

Students who have questions concerning the policy should contact DenHartog, at 481-6827.

"It should cut down on the damage done to university property and complaints from students and faculty," said DenHartog.




Source: IPFW Student Handbook 1996-97

Rollerblading is limited to parking lots one, two and three, located at the top right of this map. Offenders will be fined $20 and run the risk of having their skateboards confiscated

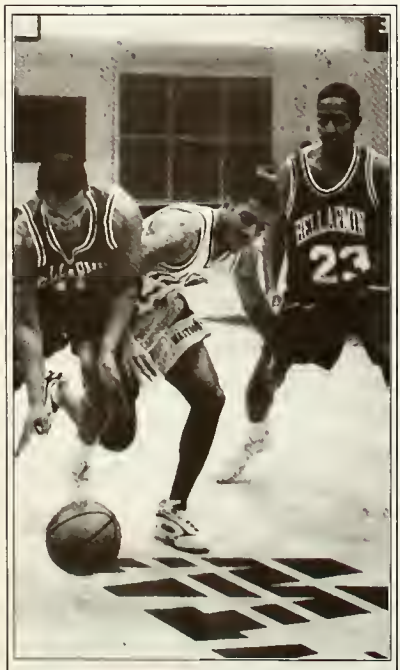


Photo by Sara Valentine, Photo Editor

IPFW guard Derek Miller and a Bellermine opponent scramble for the ball in last Saturday's game. For story, see page 8.

# Reward offered to end bomb threats

by Paul Tupper
Editor

One would think it was a new class being offered on campus: Bomb Threat 101. But it's not, for would-be terrorists are learning how to clear a building, without any instruction, by making a phone call, suggesting a bomb has been mysteriously planted within a building, causing all classes and offices to close in that building for an hour.

But who pays for the lessons?

Chancellor Mike Wartell says that all of us pay the price when someone makes a bomb threat on campus.

"Our ability to provide our students with a high-quality education is severely diminished when interruptions like this occur," said Wartell. "Many of our students drive from out of town to attend classes or participate in study groups. Building closings for bomb threats hinder their studies and waste their time."

According to Lauren DenHartog, chief of University Police, when a bomb threat is received via phone, whoever receives the call notifies university police, who then notify the chancellor's office and evacuate the building. Each building is closed for approximately one-and-a-half hours while it is inspected.

"This is a difficult thing to investigate," said DenHartog. "But we have plans."

Students are not the only group affected by bomb threats. When a building has to be evacuated, everyone must go - including the chancellor, who usually takes his paper work to the cafeteria in Walb Union.

"It's very annoying anytime your day gets interrupted because of a bomb threat," said Carl Drummond, assistant professor of geosciences, who recently had to cancel a final lab meeting because of a bomb threat. "There is no way to make up the lost time."

In an effort to minimize the amount of bomb threats, the university is offering a cash reward of $1,000 for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of bomb threat callers. Administrators say they will prosecute those responsible to the fullest extent of the law.

Those with information should call DenHartog at 481-6827.

# Resolution requires student presence

by Jeremy Ecenbarger
News Editor

Consistency, that is the key.

In the spring of '96, Kerry Adkins, former Indiana Purdue Student Government Association (IPSGA) presidential candidate, had been placed on probation after he was found guilty of trespassing in the Career Services Office.

Adkins remained on probation after his appeal was denied by the Campus Appeals Board in October. After the meeting, Adkins became angry when the board had on other students present. He felt that the board was not fairly represented.

As a result of situations such as this one, the student senate recently agreed on an "Amendment to the IPFW Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct." The senate voted to specifically mandate the formation of individual hearing committees. The legislation was authored and sponsored by the Legislative Affairs Committee.

Chris Douse

"There was no previous policy," said Chris Douse, IPSGA's student body vice president. "It's not fair to handle a panel without a student being there."

The new resolution will require the committees to consist of two student members, two faculty members and one administrative member. The resolution is in contrast to the current policy that does not specify the make-up of hearing committees except as those designated by the chair of the Campus Appeals Board.

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## Staff Editorial

# Merry Christmas, here's your gift!

Every year The Communicator gives out holiday presents.

These are in pure jest and we don't mean to hurt anyone's feelings, but sometimes that happens. If you cannot take a joke, then perhaps you shouldn't read this. We don't need humorless dorks. Let's thin the herd. Let's start with Dan Quayle.

All our gifts have meaning behind them. Remember, it's the thought that counts. Without further fanfare . . . Here is our annual holiday wish list for The Communicator staff and others we feel deserve something kinda special:

**For Nol :** a free year to Jenny Craig. The fat kid needs to lose a little weight and what better way to do it.

**For Paul :** a guest appearance on "Jenny Jones" to satisfy his morbid curiosity about Scott Armedure.

**For Cassie :** a spotlight on her at all times. The moral of this wish: Lighten up, life is not that serious.

**For Jeremy :** a decent meal. Who's skinnier: Jeremy or Kate Moss?

**For Sara :** a decent man who is not in the media business. A man who will call her on a regular basis would be nice also.

**For Dorie :** a contemporary wardrobe because she seems to be stuck in the 80s. It's over.

**For Jennifer :** an anchor so she doesn't blow away. Perhaps she has a career in acting - she could play Kerri Strug in a biopflick.

**For Christy :** a rhinestoned tiara. She's a princess in the truest sense of the word. And no, Christy—we're not going to change our format to mirror "What'z Up." After all, we have dignity.

**For S. :** more Rogaine and better-fitting jeans. What can be more pathetic than a balding man in jeans two sizes too small? The same man with a pair of mesh shoes on at the same time.

**For Michelle :** a time clock and a dictionary. She's never on time and she can't spell. Help her, Santa. Introduce her to Webster.

**For Shannon :** a bottle of Clairol Blonde #5. If anyone knows what her real hair color is, tell us. We need to know.

**For Mike :** A new pose for his pictures. He always has the same toothy grin on his face. How about a new expression, please?

**For George :** a little humility. The world does not revolve around you even though you may think it does.

**For Jim :** a thesaurus. He needs to find new terms for the word "dumb ass." It's not a nice phrase to say to anyone - especially an employee, stupid butt.

**For O.J. :** some glue, because his story just doesn't hold.

**For Kara and Jimbo :** patience. You're gonna need it.

**For Jasen :** a job that understands his needs as a student.

**For Ann :** a clue. (Satire? Maybe.)

by Erin Shutty

## Letters Policy-

The Communicator welcomes letters to the editor. The deadline for submission is the Monday before the issue in which the letter is to appear. Letters should be signed, dated, and accompanied by an address and phone number. Letters will not be published without this information. Names will be withheld only for extraordinary reasons. Addresses and phone numbers will never be published.

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# Columnist leaves, thanks everyone

Just shoot me. The friggin holidays arrived and I could care less. It's not that I dislike spending time with my family, only some of them. (I know this will never get back to them because I never see them)

But enough of that crap because I don't want this to be a rant. I want to leave this paper on a decent note, but then again "to thine own self be true."

I don't really have a clue about why I'm so melancholy. Maybe it's the weather. Maybe it's because finals week is approaching and I am going to blow my grades and I know it. I don't care because instead of studying I've been trying to conquer the world on my personal computer.

Ahh . . . hell. Who cares?

Someone must.

My mother does. She gave me a Christmas present four years ago. A class at IPFW. I was fresh off a divorce and I needed to get my life back on track. My mother and stepfather made my return to school possible.

Without them, I would not be able to work at this paper or go to night classes or have any sort of a life outside IPFW and the various vocations I have had. You see they watch my six-year-old son for me while I'm at school or at The Communicator.

My mother made a deal with me to watch Jacob while I'm at school until I graduated. They have become a large part of his life. He's a better person because of their help.

Thank you.

My father always believed in me and knew I could accomplish anything I wanted to do. Even when I didn't even believe in myself. He is a great father, but I never realized that until I became a father myself.

I really need to thank everyone with whom I've worked with at The Communicator. I wish I could name them all . . .

I think I will, it's my damn column so bite me if you don't like it! I might.

This may not be in order, so forgive me: Kristie Ricci-Schlundt, Ramona McGowan, Fred Douse, Steve Kelley, Kara Whiting, Megan McCardle, Michelle (Tisland) DiNovo, Nathan Sommers, Robert Squatrito, Rachel Dettmer, Melissa Young, Jeremy Ecenbarger, Sara Valentine, Amanda Manion, Andrew Yoder, Jennifer Sons, Jeb Waldschmidt, Travis Stahl, Christy Beauchot, Jim Porter and Cassie Ritter.

All of you—be proud of your accomplishments at this paper. You have done something special—thankless jobs for little pay. You did your job well and with pride. My respect goes out to each and every one of you.

To everyone who read my columns over the last couple of years. Your comments have made it all worthwhile. Every writer needs a reader and I know I had a few. I enjoyed hearing your comments. Even the bad ones.

Several people have made a tremendous impact on my life. I happened to meet these people at The Communicator. They have enriched my life more than I can measure.

Paul Tupper, what more can I say? He's my friend. When I was editor, he was a huge part of why we accomplished what we did. He was the driving force.

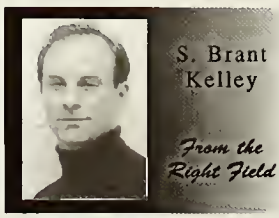
Eric Ledbetter, I love arguing with this man. He helps me make my arguments sound better and makes me think through most everything I have written. I will miss him when he leaves for the big city.

Janet Tobey, no one has helped me grow more as a person in the last year than Janet. She is probably the closest friend I have. She brings me up when I'm low and listens to me vent my frustrations. She's someone special to me.

Lastly I want to thank Dorie Reynolds, the publisher of The Communicator. Her input (whether I listened to it or not) was helpful in my becoming a successful entity at this paper. The Communicator will lose a good teacher/adviser if she ever leaves.

Farewell. May peace and love be with you for evermore. And just to close out my column on a familiar note, ahhh. . .(#@% it, you do the math!!!

# The world according to S. Brant




This semester has come and gone in rather a blur. I thought for sure I would be done after last spring, but sure enough I received another magical phone call and I answered, allowing me to stretch my First Amendment rights to the Limbaugh-like limit!

This time, I will be gone for sure. Working during the day with degree long-since in hand and graduate school about to begin, I need to pull some energy drains in and surge forth. Sorry to the athletic department, and to those whom I have afflicted with religion commentary, I am now out of your hair!

With the Christmas holiday just around the corner, step back once and see beyond the crowded shopping malls and abundant turkey leftovers and look at some of life's more important questions.

By the way, I will say Christmas, not just holiday; it started as a celebration of Christ's birth and besides, it's freedom of speech.

Long before Saint Nicholas took to the scene in a slightly more bumble fashion, and before any such thing as a Christmas vacation became vogue, the real reason for the holiday's celebration came to earth without any of the notoriety which accompanies today's festivities.

Jesus Christ appeared on the scene when most of the known world's primary concerns were deeper than mother's or brother's Christmas present.

The world then under the crushing weight of Roman rule, people yearned for a deliverance. Our society now under the influences of spiritual apathy and crass materialism, people invisibly yearn for something to fill the emotional void existent within the human soul.

Money doesn't do it; millionaires constantly make the news for stealing more millions.

Jesus, the one and only, came to show mankind to God, overshadowing monetary or material concerns. Not concerned with the means of the people He came down to, He came to earth through a working-class carpenter family and was first gazed upon by penniless shepherds.

Like those shepherds and like the kings who later visited Him ("wisemen" is an appropriate name), anyone who wants to go to Jesus is welcome. He didn't turn away the shepherds for lack of offering and He still takes in anyone who will come to Him.

During the year I spent in Africa, I celebrated Christmas with people who make far less than $1,000 per capita per year and they had a better grasp of the Christmas event than the average American.

While wreaths, holly, Russian torte and elegant wrappings are fun, Christmas is more meaningful with a Savior to celebrate.

I am going on, with much of the rest of the staff leaving at the same time. As I depart I hope each one will find greater meaning to Christmas than presents under a tree and strained family gatherings.

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# Spanking: beating or bettering?

by Leah Morris
Guest Columnist

To many parents, grocery shopping tends to be very stressful. As you are walking down the aisle, you and many other bystanders may see a parent losing their temper They reach over to their child and grab their arm and make them bend over. They smack the child's buttocks excessively

Then the child starts screaming and causes even more of a scene in the store. This makes me sympathize for the poor, defenseless child. This type of behavior belittles the child and makes the parent look like they are at their wits end and have uncontrollable children As a daycare provider, I have seen different techniques that work and would be a good alternative to spanking.

Many parents are confused about discipline procedures. The confusion is brought on by so many conflicting opinions. One book says one thing, another says just the opposite.

The next door neighbor advises one type of discipline procedure, while the other neighbor swears against it. Parents are continually asking themselves questions such as:

"Am I being too strict? Am I being too permissive? Was it wrong of me to spank Jesse this morning?"

Spanking is used by most parents to make their lives easier. It is the "lazy" discipline. When parents' anger is finally to the point of when they have had enough, they explode, which brings upon spanking. It helps the parents to relieve built up tension caused by a long day at work.

Spanking makes the parents' lives easier by having the punishment be over so quickly, so they do not have to deal with the child's behavior. It also makes the child's life easier by letting them off the hook.

If the child knows the pain is only going to last a couple of seconds, they are just going to try harder not to get caught. Spanking does not improve behavior; it just stops the behavior temporarily The child becomes more preoccupied with the feeling of pain that is about to come upon them that they forget about what they did wrong to get themselves punished.

Behaviors can be improved by using other techniques such as time outs, toys taken away or grounding. Although spanking may stop the child's behavior temporarily, these other techniques are the pain free ones for your child that may have a longer lasting effect.

There are certain dilemmas that cause parents to spank. Parents say they have tried everything and supposedly nothing works anymore. But instead of using spanking, many other techniques will work if used in the correct way.

Also, with spanking some parents want to use it as reinforcement of safety lessons. An example of this would be if a child runs into the middle of the street without looking both ways before crossing and almost gets hit by a car.

Parents think that spanking the child for these actions will help the child remember not to do it. Actually, the child will only remember for a couple of days.

A better way to teach a child to cross the street is to go with them and teach them to look both ways before crossing. The child should not be allowed to cross the street, until they can remember the steps to crossing the street and show responsibility.

Parents also want their children to know what it feels like when they fight with others. As parents, you witness your oldest child beating up on your younger child. Most parents do not want their children to hit and fight. Parents want this behavior to stop. So in order to get the older child's attention, the child gets spanked.

This is the wrong punishment. It actually shows the older child that it is okay to hit. The picture that it paints in the child's mind is that Mom or Dad is hitting me so it is okay to hit. I know that you are thinking the child is not going to be able to figure that out. But, children are very smart and perceptive human beings.

Spanking causes bad memories. As parents, you want the memories that your child may have to be great. But spanking causes bad memories. They forget some of the pleasureful memories and insert them with the ones of getting hit.

And adults that remember getting spanked as a child, now say, "I was spanked and I turned out okay." But what the adults do not remember is what they felt before, during and after getting spanked.

I was spanked as a child and yes, I did turn out okay even though the spanking was used excessively in my point of view. But the feelings I felt towards my parents was resentment. I may be a fine adult now but, I sure did not feel this way while I was getting spanked.

Hitting may also lead to abuse. When parents use spanking as the only method of discipline, the parent may spank the child twice as long and twice as hard. That type of spanking may lead to abuse.

No one really knows where the line is drawn for abuse when it comes to spanking. I know that you as parents do not want to go to jail for taking spanking to the point where it is classified as abuse.

This also presents the fact that the child my become abusive as an adult. This happens especially in males. They may grow up to be abusive husbands and fathers.

Spanking does have many effects on children These effects need to be taken into consideration because children are the next generation. It's no fun knowing that you've been too rough on your child. After all, he is your own flesh and blood, and you love him dearly. It must hurt, as a parent, to see a child hurt and crying, especially when the pain was brought upon by you.

# The meaning of Christmas

by Mary Riegling-Freeze
Guest Columnist

To feel the "spirit of love" and see the world through the eyes of a child takes a special gift. I was doubly blessed, as both my parents knew how to love, not only at Christmas, but every day . . . I learned this lesson well on Christmas Eve 1958.

Oliver Street and all the roof tops were covered with fresh snow that had fallen earlier that morning. A snowman stood in the front yard, and sunset revealed brilliant colors on bushes and around the frames of the houses on the block.

Daddy (his name is Bill) was in our cozy, warm kitchen, humming a cheery tune as he put away dishes from supper. The smell of fresh-baked gingerbread filled every room of the house.

Mama was at the dining room table wrapping a few last minute packages for family and friends. Her list always included the mailman, milkman, paper boy, Avon lady, Fuller Brush and Watkins men, parish priest, the sisters that taught school and several close neighbors. She always felt they deserved "a little something."

They had all received something the week before, but there was always one more last minute gift. As for us children, we were all under the tree playing with our "Lionel" trains that Daddy traditionally set up every Christmas.

We weren't rich, but our spirits were Our hearts, minds and stomachs were always full, as was our house. Full of love, we were truly blessed.

Several weeks before this solemn evening, I had expressed a sadness of heart to my mother, regarding a classmate who didn't think Santa would come' to her house this year. I remember wondering how this could happen, as she was as good a girl as I was and Santa always came to me

Mama felt my pain and asked me not to worry, that Santa would come to my friend, she just knew in her heart that he would. I listened to my Mama, 'cause I believed she knew everything and was never wrong.

So on this memorable Christmas Eve, Mama gathered all of her children around the table and asked us if we'd like to help her fix a basket for a "Christmas surprise." In a matter of seconds and before the affirmative shouts had vanished, we were all transformed into elves.

There before us was a huge, brown-wicker basket; a beautiful red ribbon (the largest I had ever seen); and a box full of a variety of fruits and nuts. Wow! I didn't know who it was for, but I thought they must be really "special."

Mama knew . . . she had known for weeks. I'm sure she sacrificed many things to be able to afford the basket, fruits, nuts and ribbon to assemble such a lovely gift. We all helped arrange the fruit and as a finishing touch, she tied the large velvet ribbon onto the handle.

It was magnificent! I wondered why she wouldn't let me put a tag on it saying "Love and Merry Christmas from the Perkins Family," but she reminded me that it was a "surprise," so I understood. I also wondered why I was allowed to stay up extra late that night. Mama wanted to be sure that my friend's family was asleep, I guess.

Soon Daddy said, "Aggie, I'll go out and warm the car. Come out when you're ready."

Mama said, "Children, get your outtens, scarves, galoshes and coats on, and go out and get in the car with daddy."

"Where are we going?' I asked.

Again, I was reminded of our "surprise." I laughed as I went out to the car. Surprises were fun, and I felt so tickled to be doing this with my whole family. What's more, I remember feeling how calm the night was. There was a special kind of stillness that filled me with wonder and an extra sense of peace.

As I climbed into our '55 Chevy station-wagon, the smell of "Sir Walter Raleigh" filled the air. Daddy was smoking his favorite pipe . . . we drove off. Again, a sensation came over me—I wasn't sure where I was going, but it felt real good

After driving a few blocks, daddy stopped the car. I looked out the window and realized that I was in front of my friend's house. Quietly mama said, "Follow me.

All the little elves tippy-toed in the snow up to my friend's front porch.

As we placed the fruit basket down, Mama said, "Okay, let's get back into the car and never, never tell them who this gift came from, okay? Let's let them think that Santa brought it."

I held my mittened hands to my face and giggled joyfully. I remember feeling this was a good thing. As we crept back to the car, I was overcome with the "spirit of love."

The true spirit of Christmas awoke within me, and I realized that my Christmas 1958 had taken place at that very moment—that whatever I felt tomorrow morning, while opening my gifts, would only be a part of the deep joy I felt tonight. I learned the true spirit of giving I learned the true "Spirit of Christmas" on that evening many years ago.

I have my own grandchildren now. Still after all these years, I have never forgotten that moment and how it felt to give . . . it was a feeling like no other.

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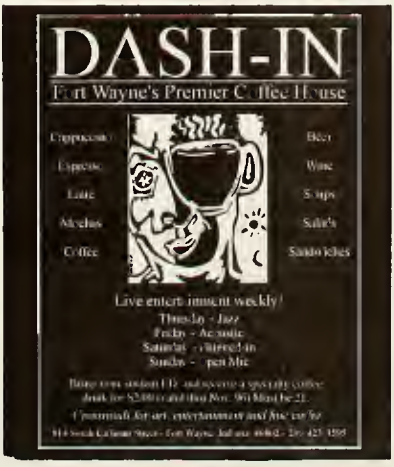


# IPFW Campus Calendar

## for Dec. 13–27, 1996

**13** **Fine Arts faculty collections exhibit**, FA foyer; continues through Dec. 21.
**Fort Wayne Youtheatre** presents *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, WU, 7 p.m.; also Dec. 14–15, 2 and 7 p.m.; all tickets, $5. For information, call 422-6900.

**15** **Recorder Ensemble**, Jacquilyn K. Loomis, NF Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**17** **Campus Ministry's exam break**, KT ground floor, 8–10 a.m.

**16** **Faculty Artist Series:** Carol T. Evans, violin, and Masson L. Robertson, piano, NF Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
**Dinner series**, "Summit City Christmas Extravaganza" (catered by Ceruti's), Indiana Hotel Lobby, $25 per person., 6:30 p.m.; tickets in NF 330. For information, call 6562.

**17** **Cookies and cider delivered** campuswide to exam students, 4-6 p.m.

**18** **Institutional SAT**, WU 224, 2 p.m.

**18** **Career assessment group interpretation**, WU 222, 5:30 p.m.

**20** **Nursing pinning ceremony**, WU Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.

**22** **Fall semester ends.**

**25** **Campus closed**; also Dec. 26–27.

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## Journey to Diversity

# Finding my way

by Paul Tupper
Editor

With this semester-long experiment I named "Journey to Diversity," I wanted to explore life as an outsider looking in. I knew as a gay person what it is like having heterosexism shoved in my face, and I knew what it is like growing up without any role models that I could admire and after whom I could pattern my life. Yet I was sure my experiences were not exclusive, and I think this experiment supports that hypothesis. But how can someone who isn't sure what diversity is begin to find it within themselves. I can't answer this, but I can tell the story of when I began to embrace diversity

For me, tapping into my diverse side wasn't difficult. As a child, I grew up in a cesspool of negative racial commentary. And I always knew that what I heard in reference to blacks, Jews and Latinos was not a representation of what I felt of the human race. So knowing that diversity was important to me was not a surprise, nor was understanding that racial tension was a bigger problem than anyone close to me cared to speak about.

Finally, it was when I entered this campus that I realized how bad the problem really was. I looked at The Communicator, which was tackling the issue of race with full vigor at the time, and I saw intelligent people saying intelligent things with regards to race and gender. And then I looked at my fellow students. In the four classes I was taking at the time, I only shared one class with an African-American woman who sat quietly, never feeling confident enough to participate I instantly knew this was a product of our current system of oppression.

Then I started to take classes in which I knew I would encounter discourse about diversity. Courses such as philosophy, Intercultural Communication, Controversy in America and Women, Men and Media have offered an alternative education of race, gender and religion that my high school education failed to deliver. And it was in those classes that I started to become the informed opinionated person that I strived to be.

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I feel compelled to destroy the myth that diversity is a matter of political correctness. That's simply not true. Diversity is about respect. Respect those whose life and experiences make them different. Know when you encounter a film, television show or advertisement that is insulting to someone who doesn't fit in your "group" And don't be afraid to confront those closest to you who use diversity and ethnicity as punch lines to bad jokes. Those jokes aren't funny and your friends need you to tell them that.

Whenever I openly discuss diversity, I am reminded of the "melting pot" theory This was a way of telling our valuable people of color that they should be more like us - the white people. But that rationale is so wrong. Let me re-equate it like this:

Take that melting pot and try to make soup. If every ingredient tasted the same, it would be a very bland soup. Add spices of different colors to the soup and the soup will taste better. The same thing is true with our time on Earth. Add people of color in your life and your life (and theirs) will be more fulfilling

## Prayer to Thee

I watch as the days go past, and somehow
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whys in the world couldn't give me the
answer.
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and be there for me.
O dear Lord I pray to thee, give me the power
to see,
See the things deep within me.
Amen.

By Adrian Russell

# Shopping, theater in 'The Windy City'

by Cassie Ritter
Features Editor

A day of shopping in "The Windy City" and attending one of the great American musicals, "Show Boat," what more could you ask for? The School of Fine and Performing Arts is sponsoring a trip on March 8 to Chicago. The day will consist of shopping at the Water Tower Place, and attending the musical "Show Boat" at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago.

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# Public opinion worries PepsiCo, causes changes

by Jeremy Ecenbarger
News Editor

Sometimes it takes an old idea to solve current problems. Since protesting worked in the sixties, many thought protesting would work in the nineties. It looks like it has.

Recently, PepsiCo responded to the boycott being placed upon them througbout the country. In bopes of mending their public relations, according to Louise Finnerty, president of government affairs for PepsiCo, the company has withdrawn many of their business relations from Burma.

"We do listen and care about the worldwide public opinion, especially our consumers, customers and investors," stated Finnerty in a letter sent to The Communicator office. "So we've decided to sell our stake in that business."

The company chose not to comment formally. But Wendy Willauer, a consumer relations specialist for PepsiCo, questioned whether our campus was large enough to have any effect on the public with an article.

Until now, Finnerty said PepsiCo had been a minority partner in Pepsi Products Myaumar, Ltd., a privately owned joint venture with a Burmese entrepreneur.

"We believe that we were a good employer, paying the employees more than twice the government's minimum wage, and contributing to sports and youth programs," said Finnerty.

Within the letter, Finnerty said that PepsiCo no longer has assets or employees in Burma. The company has decided to pay no more local taxes. Their involvement is limited to the contractual obligations to the local franchise bottler.

"This will place Pepsi in the same position as many other leading American companies, which have distributorships or third-party supply arrangements but no direct investment or company presence," stated Finnerty.

Local Fort Wayne Pepsi-Cola factories have not been made aware of PepsiCo's relationship with the country. However, they are concerned.

"There is an important market in Fort Wayne. Obviously, we're concerned about our image."
--Doug Johnston, food service district manager for Pepsi-Cola

"There is an important market in Fort Wayne. We've got a good relationship with IPFW," said Doug Johnston, food service district manager for Fort Wayne's Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers. "Obviously, we're concerned about our image."

Johnston had been made aware of the situation when employees of the company, who are also IPFW students, presented him the "Burma involvement causes Pepsi boycott" article, from the Nov. 21 issue of The Communicator.

After reading the article, Johnston then contacted Pepsi's offices in New York in order to get more information.

Johnston says he has noticed no decrease in sales as a result of the boycott.

Photo by Sara Valentine, Photo Editor
Students trudge through the winter wonderland of IPFW.

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# Children, faculty perform ensembles in Neff

by Shannon Finton
Staff Writer

Just in time for Christmas, the sound of children's music is being provided for students' ears.

When music students on campus were unable to participate, children and faculty decided to take it upon themselves to perform in various recitals on campus.

The IPFW Department of Music is proud to announce the IPFW Recorder Ensemble in concert, Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Neff Recital Hall.

The concert will feature IPFW faculty and children from Abbett Elementary and Haverhill Elementary Schools in recorder ensembles. Tickets will be purchased at the door for $2.

"It was supposed to involve college students, however there wasn't enough involvement," said Jacqeline K. Loomis, director of the the ensemble and instructor at the two elementary schools. "Therefore, the faculty met and decided to do it themselves."

Loomis said she later asked the administrators of the schools if the children could participate also.

The program is completely instrumental, bestowing upon the audience a variety of different recorders. The different types of recorders include the soprano recorder, the alto recorder and the viola da gamba. Another attraction will be the harpsichord, which is like a piano but quite smaller.

The recorders look like flutes, but all have different sounds. They are made of plastic, are smaller than the flute and are all different colors.

Works to be performed include "Sonata V" by Sammartini; "Fantasia I" by Lupo; and "Sonata" by Boismortier.

"We're really excited about it," said Loomis.

Students interested in more information about ensemble may contact Loomis, at 481-6811.

## RESOLUTION,
*continued from page 1*

Marian Zimmerman

"I think its a great idea," said Marian Zimmerman, dean of students. "There is a loophole in the system that needs to be cleared up. It's precedent to have a student there."

According to Zimmerman, the Adkin's incident was the only appeal she could remember that did not have a student present. She said that the board decided to go ahead and bold the meeting because it had been planned so far in advance.

"The student just didn't show up," said Zimmerman. "There should be alternative students and faculty members available."

The resolution also makes the provision that no hearing can be conducted unless all members of each hearing committee are present.

"There needs to be consistent deadlines," said Douse.

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# Lady 'Dons come home with hard road lessons

by S. Brant Kelley
Sports Editor

The Lady Mastodons continued to gear up for the rigorous Great Lakes Valley Conference last week as they played at the homes of the top two teams in the country.

While travelling to the top-ranked teams' home court is not normally recommended for coaches with stomach ulcers or heart trouble, IPFW coach Pam Bowden is taking the trip, with its one win and two losses, in a more positive light.

"We were playing number two and one in the country," she said. "It was a good experience."

Despite falling to the University of North Dakota, then North Dakota State University by over a combined 55 points, Bowden hopes the experiences will pay big dividends down the road.

IPFW traveled to Grand Forks last Wednesday to take on second-ranked UND and left with an 81-51 drubbing.

The 'Dons played with the Flyers in the second half, but walked into the locker room down 44-16 at half-time, in the throes of 23 percent field-goal shooting

After showing some dismay with her players' effort during the season's first two contests, Bowden said she thinks the team is beginning to play with more intensity.

"I think the kids played hard," Bowden said of the team's effort, "they just didn't shoot well.

"It was a new environment for them."

The Flyers hammered the 'Dons on the boards, 45 to 28 and shot 56 percent from the field for the game. IPFW shot 26 percent.

"They're shooting better than we are," Bowden said, "so we're going to get less defensive rebounds."

While happy with the effort, Bowden said her team needs to display more consistency.

"We have to put two halves together," she said.

Tara Beauchine came off the bench to lead the Lady 'Dons with 17 points, hitting seven of 10 field goals. IPFW did force 31 turnovers from the Flyers.

Jenny Crouse led UND with 25 points and seven rebounds, blocking seven shots on the defensive end.

Friday night, the Lady 'Dons defeated Gardner-Webb College of Ga., 73-53, in the first round of the North Dakota State University/Valley Imports Classic annual tournament.

According to Bowden, the key to the Lady Bulldogs' offense was center Tayuanee Dewberry. But IPFW's Shalauna McMillan nullified her presence in the middle.

> We have to put two halves together
> - Coach Pam Bowden

"Shalauna did a good job rebounding and defensive-wise on her," Bowden said.

McMillan added a game-high 10 rebounds to the effort.

Despite the margin, Bowden said she didn't feel confident of the outcome until late in the game.

"I don't think the game was won until the last three or four minutes," Bowden said. "because they're a quick team."

Rebounding, long a concern of Bowden's, told the story of the game. Typically out-boarding opponents by 24 a game, GWC grabbed only 49 rebounds to the Lady 'Dons' 46.

"They just shoot and crash the boards," Bowden said, "so it was real important to not give them a second and third shot."

True to form, the Flyers shot 28 percent from the field, including one-of-16 three pointers.

IPFW shot 46 percent. Jessica Henry overcame her 1-for-8 performance against UND to score 23 points, hitting 8-of-15 from the field. Leah Sheets added 12 points.

With the win, the Lady 'Dons advanced to the championship game of the Valley Imports Classic.

NDSU proved why they are the country's top team, beating the Lady 'Dons 83-55 for the title behind 29 points from player-of-the-year candidate center Kasey Morlock.

Morlock hit eight of 12 field goals and 13 of her 16 free throws.

Down only nine points at half-time, IPFW was outscored 41-22 in the second half.

"We ran out of gas," Bowden said of the second half.

The Bison out-rebounded the Lady 'Dons, 55-29, and shot 52 percent from the field to the 'Dons' 32 percent.

Henry, an all-tournament selection, scored 17 points and Leah Sheets added 10. Katrina Hoelting came off the bench to score 12 points, hitting four out of eight field goals to go with her team-high eight rebounds.

"We need her to keep doing that," Bowden said of Hoelting. "She's coming along, she's doing some good things."

IPFW hosts Tri-State University Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. before suspending its sebedule until Dec. 28.

# Basketball team nets first loss; record at 4-1

by S. Brant Kelley
Sports Editor

IPFW's men's basketball team got its first taste of defeat last week, but then started the Great Lakes Valley Conference season with a win over Bellarmine College to up its record to 4-1.

With its undefeated streak on the line, IPFW traveled to Hershey Hall in Angola for a rematch of the Summit City Shoot-out semifinal against Tri-State University

The Mastodons fell to the Thunder by one point, 66-65, on a last-second shot, after rebounding from a nine-point half-time deficit.

"We didn't play well (in the first half)," IPFW coach John Williams said.

"We just did not come out ready to play in the first half."

IPFW shot 41 percent from the field and gave up six three-pointers while spotting the Thunder a 41-32 half-time lead.

Williams' troops began to silence the Thunder during the second half, building a five-point lead at one point before falling down in the final minutes.

According to Williams, the first half was the key: if the Mastodons had stayed with Tri-State during the initial 20 minutes, all would have been well. IPFW out-rebounded the Thunder by 12 and held TSU to 30 percent field-goal shooting in the second half

Forward Matt Schlegelmuch paced the Thunder with 24 points, 17 in the second half. Guard Mike Kennealy added 14 points and center Jered Boll grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Kevin Beatty, whom Williams started at center after steady play of late, scored 14 points to lead the 'Dons.

The Mastodons rebounded from Thursday night's loss with their first conference win of the season, a 67-62 victory over Bellarmine College at the Gates Center.

IPFW overcame the hot shooting of Knight guard Brad Bixler and isolated All-American candidate Steve Mercer on the inside to pull out the win.

"Our guys did a great job on (Mercer)," Williams said. "Kevin started out on him."

Bixler hit six three-pointers for all of his 18 points as the Knights shot 33 times from long range. An outside-oriented team, the Knights connected on 11 treys for 33 percent.

"We did a good job defending (the perimeter)," Williams said.

Mastodons Beatty and company held Mercer, a three-time all-GLVC selection, to only seven shots and 13 points, and Bellarmine hit 34.5 percent for the game.

Porter led the 'Dons with 22 points and Jason Werling and Kyle Kirby scored 11 and 10, respectively, in a reserve role.

"Jason and Kyle came in and really picked us up," Williams said

Despite shooting 12 fewer times than the Knights, IPFW hit three more times for 50 percent.

After a win at St. Joseph's College earlier in the week, Bellarmine is now 1-1 in the conference. The 'Dons are 1-0.

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